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Many Attend Funeral Services For James Leonard Loades

Funeral services for James Leonard Loades, who passed away in the Viking hospital on February 23 were held from the Viking Community Hall on February 27, at 2 p.m., the Rev. V. P. Cole, vicar of St. Matthew's Anglican Church of Canada, conducting the services. Hymns sung were "Rock of Ages," "Abide With Me," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Mr. K. Hilliker at the piano. The hall was filled with sorrowing relatives, friends and neighbors. Members of the Elks lodge from Viking, Irma and Wainwright, Moose lodge from Viking and Irma and Order of the Eastern Star attended in a body. Following the church service at the graveside the impressive Masonic ritual burial service for a deceased member was conducted by past-master Wor. Bro. James Taylor, of Connaught Lodge, Viking.

Palbearers were Messrs. Rol and Brooke, Fred Pardee, Tom Murdoch, Lloyd McIntyre, Albert Firkus and Dr. A. E. Caldwell.

Honorary palbearers were Messrs. Neil McKellan, Wilfred Symington, George Klotz, Keith McLaren, Dick Gares, Wm. Stalker, Dick Cottrill and Ross Brown.

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EASTERLY ECHOES

The next meeting of the Bait River W.I. will be held at Mrs. Dempsey on Tuesday, March 20. The draw will be by Mrs. Fenton and the program by Mrs. Savard, roll call, a house cleaning hint. This is our friendly meeting so all members are requested to bring friends.

Stanley Bacon is a patient in the Wainwright hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery, Stanley. Best wishes also to Roy Askin who is still a patient in the hospital.

Miss Pat Pedal from Edmonton visited at the home of her sister Mrs. Dempsey last weekend.

The ladies from this district did some successful curling in the Wainwright bonspiel, prize winners being Alice Cook, Violet Savard, Irene Younker, Doris Fenton and Carolyn Morse. In the 4th bonspiel several youngsters brought home prizes also. They were Lorne Cook, Ronnie Keith and Don and Robbie Morse. The "500" gang met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Enger. Mrs. Polly Casperak with one hand on ten trump and three cards took the ladies first prize. Archie Cook took high men's score. Low scores went to Daisy Elliot and R. Morse.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

Congratulations this week to the Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Satre of Vancouver on their Leap Year daughter. Yes, they had a daughter on February 29.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Nilsson were city visitors one day last week. Messrs. M. Reitan and E. Nilsson drove to Camrose on Thursday of last week to take in the closing sessions of CLBI Fellowship Week. Their mother, Mrs. Jack Halvorsen spent last week-end in Calgary.

Sharon Ladies Aid will meet at the M. Reitan home on March 15. (Perhaps we should add weather and roads permitting!)

Jarrow News

We are glad to report that Norman Meakins, a patient in Wainwright hospital, is progressing satisfactorily, after being overcome with carbon monoxide poisoning last Saturday evening.

Our congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Ling of Reyherhorpe on the birth of a daughter, Brenda Pearl, on Feb. 25.

Baby clinic at Jarrow hall on Tuesday, March 13, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Elmer Helm was an Edmonton visitor on Monday.

The flu bug has apparently been making an unfriendly visit to a number in the Batts district. Those fortunate to escape him, hope he remains away.

The Wainwright Kinsella "Search For Talent" is to be held in the Irma school auditorium on Wednesday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Obtain your entry forms from Mr. D. H. Gunn of Irma and enter your number now. Four winners will have an opportunity to compete for a scholarship on June 15.

Northern Nuggets

Mrs. Robin Johnson and baby Allen arrived home on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Currie spent the week-end with relatives in Edmonton.

We haven't seen any robins or even crows yet but we do have spring chickens. Mrs. Harley Berra received hers about a week ago and with the help of Reddi Kilowatt they are thriving in spite of the weather.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends and patrons for their loyalty and friendship during the past few years and in this present accident. We deeply regret selling our business at this time but trust your full support will continue with the new owners, Ron and Evelyn Currie. Thanking you all, yours most sincerely,

Leo and Elsie Shaw.

The month of March is Red Cross month. You will be helping others and you may be helping yourself.

WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan

Rural Electrification School

Following is a time table for the school to be held in Wainwright 10:00 P.M. starting at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 19. Anyone wishing to attend should get their name in to their R.E.A. secretary or myself right away.

Monday, 19th, a.m.—Registration, introduction and course outline, electrical theory, film on principles of electricity.

P.M.—Planning the farm wiring system, underground vs. overhead, location of poles, service entrance, etc.

Tuesday, 20th, a.m.—Planning wiring in the buildings.

P.M.—Films, Dawn of Better Living, Planning a circuit, 3-way Switching, Tools and their use.

Wednesday, 21st, a.m.—Motor study.

P.M.—Power company representative.

Thursday, 22nd, a.m.—Electrical inspector.

P.M.—Slides of horrible examples, Water pressure systems. Film: Running Water on the farm.

Friday, 23rd, a.m.—Lighting: types of illumination, yard lights, remote controls.

P.M.—Slides of maintenance of appliances, welders, Film: Welding on the farm, Summary of course.

Magpie Control

Reports are coming in thick and fast about magpies pecking wounds into the backs of cattle. This type of injury can be serious and when calves start to arrive, there is the danger that they may be blinded by magpies. A little careful use of a 22 or a shotgun can reduce the magpie population a bit but traps are much more effective. Ordinary snare traps baited with feed or bits of meat are very effective if cared for properly. Cage type traps are probably best of all. These are made out of poles and chicken wire. They are not hard to make and plans are available from this office. Now is the time to reduce the magpie population.

Check Those Granaries

It's hard to get to the granaries these days but they should be checked for signs of heating or moisture. The strong winds and snow of this winter has put a lot of snow on top of the grain in many cases. This should be removed to prevent additional moisture in these bins that may have to be kept for quite a while yet. Any grain which is tough or heating should be moved and heated as soon as possible.

Search For Talent

A Search For Talent Show will be held in the Irma School Auditorium on Wednesday, April 4, commencing at 8 p.m. Entry forms will be accepted by D. H. Gunn of Irma with early entries given preference.

If you can sing, recite or play a musical instrument, plan to submit your entry early. Four finalists will be selected and who will compete in a grand Search For Talent show to be held at Wainwright P.M.C. arena on Friday, June 15. Special invitations for contestants is extended to neighboring schools and communities around Irma.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Wainwright Public Library contains about 4,500 books which are available to residents of the Irma and Fabian districts. Of this total, 2,600 are adult fiction and 1,900 are children's books—many of which are new for pre-school children. The books may be taken out for a month's duration. Library hours are Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Ice Carnival Here March 15

Irma Skating Club presents its first Carnival on Thursday, March 15. Costume judging, to begin at seven o'clock. Dandy prizes for best and second best costumes in each class. Classes will consist of Fancy, Comic, Pairs, etc.

Next come fancy and comic items from our own figure skaters, followed by top-notch performers from Hardisty Club. Mrs. Alicia Triplett will favor us with two outstanding performances.

Also see Ferdinand the Performing Bull from Hardisty.

Draw for Waffle Iron on display at Co-op. Tickets available from members of club.

Show will close with races on ice for boys and girls up to 12 years of age.

Remember the date: Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Irma.

Kinsella News

Mr. J. Lindberg who was section foreman here several years ago, has returned to Kinsella to take up the same position.

Mr. C. H. Webb is spending the week-end with friends at Vegreville.

The winning rink in the Kinsella Elks bonspiel played at Irma was skipped by Ralph Storbacken, other members on the rink were H. Hughes, Wm. Rawluk and B. Wilkinson.

A successful Leap Year dance sponsored by the local Elks Lodge, was held on Wednesday, February 29.

The members of the Kinsella W.I. will sponsor their annual St. Patrick's dance on Friday, March 16. Please come and bring your friends and have a good time.

Don't forget the Easter Tea, sponsored by the W.A. to be held on Saturday, March 31.

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The Irma skating club will hold an ice show at the Irma rink on the evening of March 3. Keep this date in mind.

Southern Sayings

Weather and roads would get anybody down. We are sorry to report that Stanley Bacon, a patient in Wainwright Hospital. Keep your chin up, Stanley, they tell us spring is just around the corner. The flu bug has caught up with Stanley's mother and she is under the care of Mrs. Bacon Sr. in Irma. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Allie.

The mixed bonspiel is in full swing in Irma this week and some of the Southerners are entered in it.

Next meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Long on March 16. Hostesses, Mrs. Funk, Mrs. H. Long, Topic, United Nations, Mrs. E. Jackson. Roll Call, Bring a House Plant Slip (no sale). Program, Mrs. Johnston. Social evening, March 17. (A night for the Irish).

Song to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hall (the former Nora Long Topic, Alta., on March 6, a daughter, Marion Kansen, wt. 9 lbs. 1 oz.

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Minutes of March Meeting Wainwright School Division

Minutes of the Wainwright Divisional Board meeting of Friday, March 3. The following were elected for the year 1956:

Chairman, F. M. Hill; Vice Chairman, Dr. H. G. Folkins; Finance Committee, F. M. Hill, R. C. Hissett, E. R. Barritt, J. B. Allen.

Building Committee: F. M. Hill, E. R. Barritt, R. C. Hissett, F. Zajic.

Oaths of office were taken by Dr. H. G. Folkins and Mr. F. Zajic recently elected in subdivisions 5 and 4 respectively.

Board motion: That we establish a line of credit with the Bank of Montreal at Wainwright for the year 1956 not to exceed the sum of \$50,000.00. Cd.

Zajic—that the yearly Auditor's Financial statement for the year 1956 be mailed to all ratepayers as early as possible in 1957 prior to annual meetings held by the Board before Feb. 15 of each year. Cd.

Allen—that we approve the outline as forwarded by Mr. A. A. Andrews of the ASTA with regard to the formation of new Zones for School Divisions, and that he be notified of this approval. Cd.

Zajic—that shelves be placed in the cloak rooms at Edgerton for the use of school lunches. Cd.

Minutes of the Sligo School District Annual meeting were read and discussed.

Zajic—that the matters as recorded in the annual meeting of the Sligo School District regarding repairs be attended to as soon as weather permits by Mr. Reid. Cd.

The following report on the recent elections was submitted:

1. Election of subdivisional trustee in Division No. 5:
Dr. H. G. Folkins 189
Clifford Dallyn 54
Spoiled ballots 1

2. Results of By-law for the borrowing of \$110,000.00 on the security of the Division with interest at 3 percent.
For the Bylaw 453
Against 238
Spoiled Ballots 4
No vote was possible at two

polls owing to blocked road conditions. The two polls were: Gilles and Battle Valley.

The report was accepted by the Board and the sec-treas. was instructed to make application to the B. of Public Utility Commissioners for Debentures in accordance with the advertisement.

Board motion: That the Porter Lake and Green Meadow School buildings together with the sites of each be advertised for sale and that the tenders be considered at the May meeting. Cd.

Allen—that accounts in the amount of \$11,992.17 for the balance of the month of February be passed for payment and included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Allen—that accounts in the amount of \$30,668.88 for the month of March be passed for payment and included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Board motion: That we take over the Greenhills School Bus and route and operate same with a hired driver. Cd.

Allen—that Building accounts re. Albert and Irma in the amount of \$12,662.81 as from January 1, to March 1, be passed for payment and included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Board motion: That grade IX Bursary be continued for one student only in 1956 and that the bursary be given for the highest standing in the Departmental Examinations. Cd.

Allen—that Dr. Folkins attend the next meeting of the Municipal Council on Thursday, Mar. 8. Cd.

Folkins—that we adjourn until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 1956. Cd.

The year 1873 saw the first wheat prize come home to Alberta. It was received for a sample of grain from Fort Chipewyan entered in the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia by Fathers of the Oblate Mission.

SPECIAL LOW RAIL FARES TO ANNUAL SPRING LIVE STOCK SHOW CALGARY MARCH 19 TO 24

ONE WAY FARE
AND ONE-HALF
FOR ROUND TRIP
(Minimum Fare \$2)

TICKETS ON SALE:
From all stations in Alberta
MARCH 17 TO 23

And on March 24 for trains
arriving Calgary not later
than 6:00 p.m.

RETURN LIMIT, MARCH 25
If no train service March 25, take
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Full information from your nearest C.N.R. Agent.

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Panogen or mercuric dust compounds used for seed grain treatment should be handled with great care for they are poisonous to animals and humans. Under no consideration should any treated kernels be permitted to mix with other grain. Heavy penalties are provided by law for anyone delivering panogen or other mercuric treated grain to an elevator. Even one kernel found in a carload will cause the whole shipment to be condemned.

Farmers are urged to use every precaution in cleaning their seed grain and are asked not to treat too much. It is better to treat a few extra bushels to finish seeding than to have treated seed left over. It is also important to clean very carefully the truck or granary which has contained treated seed before putting in fresh grain.

If you have anything to sell or trade, try a Times Want Ad. It will bring results.

Donations

To the Alberta Protestant Home for children in memory of Mr. Len Loades from Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cairns and family; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pyle and family; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Larson and girls; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dick; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. Dempsey and family.

A donation to the Crippled Children's fund in memory of Mr. Loades from P. E. and C. P. Jones families.

To the Alberta Protestant Home for Children in memory of Len Loades from Mr. and Mrs. Obert Lovig and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Masson and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald and family; Mrs. I. C. Knudson; Mr. J. A. Hedley; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knudson.

To the Cancer Fund from Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Prosser; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fischer; Mr. and Mrs. C. Anquist and family; Edgar Beatrice and family; The Evening Group of the W.A.

To the United Church Memorial Fund from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smallwood.

To the Irma United Church from Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ballantyne; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Enger; Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hutchinson; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rohrer; Bill and Julia Dunbar.

To Cancer Fund from Mr. and Mrs. Ross McFarland; Mr. and Mrs. H. Black; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Larson; Mr. and Mrs. Earle P. Humby; Gar and Elsie Coulman; Donna and Archie Firkus; Ted and Eileen Prior; Alice and Archie Cook; Ralph and Emma Mark; Fred and Kay Clumstad; Ross Eaton; Larry and Laurene Meier; Irma Men's Curling Club; Staff Gratton View Hotel; Irene and Frank Drewick; Ross, Ethel and Lynne.

Donations to the Viking United Church Memorial Building Fund in memory of Leonard Loades: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gilpin; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Burnham; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gilpin; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Gilpin; Mr. and Mrs. K. Hilliker; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brickman; Mrs. E. M. Hilliker and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sauer; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stiles; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lacasse; Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibson and Mrs. O. Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Runyon and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hanson; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thunell.

Cemetery Fund in memory of L. Loades from Mr. and Mrs. J. Langager; Mrs. Solverson and Solv.

Organ Fund in memory of L. Loades from Mr. and Mrs. S. Lefterud; Tom Olson; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haffo; Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Haffo; Mr. and Mrs. H. Thunell.

To Hospital Memorial Fund in memory of Len Loades from Mr. and Mrs. Stan Sorenson and family.

Donations to the Cancer Memorial Fund in memory of Leonard Loades: from Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cottrell; Mr. and Mrs. Mario Paccia; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nordstrom; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Slavik; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nordstrom and family; Vince and Anne Slavik; Adolph and Stella Streich; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rozmabel; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy; H. and B. Skjeie; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Gilpin; Mr. and Mrs. C. Trueman; Mrs. C. Lawes and Dorothy; Tom Berg; F. W. Rozmabel; Roy McDonald; Edmonson; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maxwell; Alvin, Elsie Golka and girls; Elks Lodge, Viking branch; Chris and Nellie Golka; Mrs. Maude Pickering; Mrs. M. Gleeson; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelly; Ole and Gilbert Boras; Mary Hoskins; Glenn Loughlin; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mattinson; Mr. and Mrs. Ingolf Hoines; Mr. and Mrs. T. Kolenosky; Palmer and Gerda Nordstrom; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wendt; Mr. and Mrs. Luntz Dobry; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brooke; Mr. and Mrs. Nels Haffo; Mr. and Mrs. E. McCormick; Mr. and Mrs. L. Mellang; Edmonson; Jack and Edna Roddick and Fred; Charlie and Anneline Milne; Irma and Mrs. Lloyd McIntyre; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comisarow; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Bruha; Mr. and Mrs. Lundahl.

To Camrose Lutheran College from Mr. and Mrs. W. Millang, Camrose; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eckford, Pembroke, Ont.

To Camrose Lutheran Church Building Fund from Elvera and

ALBERTA AFFAIRS

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WELFARE

The following is a summary of what may be regarded as pension plans for certain categories of Alberta citizens:

Old Age Assistance—Under an Agreement with the Government of Canada the Province has, since 1st January, 1952, been paying assistance up to \$40.00 a month under a means test to persons in the 65-84 age group who have resided in Canada for 20 years or its equivalent. Fifty per cent of the assistance paid may be recovered from the Federal Government.

Blind Persons' Allowances—Pensions to the blind had for several years been paid under the former Old Age Pension Act. On 1st January, 1952, a special Blind Persons' Allowance came into effect and, under an Agreement with the Government of Canada, the Province continued to pay an allowance up to \$40.00 a month under a means test to blind persons who had attained the age of 21 years and had resided in Canada for 10 years or its equivalent. Seventy-five per cent of the allowance may be recovered from the Federal Government.

Widows' Pensions—Since 1st April, 1952, the Province, at its entire expense, has been paying a pension up to \$40.00 a month under a means test to widows of the 60-84 age group who had resided in the Province for the greater portion of the three years prior to the date of application and had resided in Canada for a period of 15 years or its equivalent prior to the date the age of 60 years was attained.

Disabled Persons' Pensions—Since 1st June, 1953, the Province, at its entire expense, has been paying a pension up to \$40.00 a month under a means test to disabled persons who have attained the age of 21 years and who have resided in Alberta for the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application.

Supplementary Allowances—An allowance up to \$15.00 a month is payable under a means test to Alberta residents in receipt of Old Age Security, Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances.

Disabled Persons' Allowances—Under this Act, the Province pays up to \$40.00 a month under a means test to certain permanently disabled persons who have attained the age of 18 years and who have resided in Alberta for the 10 years immediately preceding the date of application. Half of this allowance may be recovered from the Federal Government.

MOTHERS' ALLOWANCES

These allowances have been paid in Alberta since 1919 to any needy widow with dependent children according to the schedules in effect which vary from \$50.00 a month to \$145.00 a month. A special allowance up to \$10.00 may, in addition, be paid in cases where the need is apparent.

The municipality in which the widow has acquired residence assumes 20 per cent of the cost of the regular allowance, the Province paying the balance in addition to the special allowance. This allowance is payable until the child reaches the age of 16 years or 18 years if attending school and making satisfactory progress.

HOSPITALIZATION FOR PENSIONERS

Hospitalization and Treatment Services—The Province, at its own expense, provides certain hospitalization and treatment services to Alberta residents who are in receipt of Old Age Assistance, Mothers' Allowance, Widows' Pension or Supplementary Allowance. This is also available to recipients of Old Age Security under a means test.

The Province pays the entire cost of the administration of the foregoing services.

Old Age Security—To persons who have attained the age of 70 years and have resided in Canada for a period of 20 years or its equivalent the Federal Government pays a pension of \$40.00 a month without a means test.



Oliver Millang, Camrose.

To Amisk/Creek Memorial Fund from Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moen; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sand; Marvin and Nina Moen; Ted and Edna Glende; Erling and Olive Sand; Glenn and Kay Hillerud; Edith, Norman and Raymond Patterson; Mary Erickson.

To the Canadian Cancer Society from Buffalo Service Ltd., Wainwright; Gerald W.L. Wainwright.

Alberta Protestant Home for Children from Mr. and Mrs. W. Masson and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald and family; Mr. J. A. Hedley; Mrs. I. C. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. Obert Lovig and family; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cairns and family; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pyle and family; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Larson and family; all of Irma. Nina Chapter O.E.S. No. 118 Sisters and Brothers Home Fund.

A great many cards and letters of sympathy are acknowledged.

VERMILION

Elks Newspaper Car Bingo
The Bingo numbers drawn to date are as follows:

B-7, 9, 12, 14, 1, 3, 10, 11, 8, 5.
I-17, 23, 28, 29, 30, 26, 19, 20, 22, 18.
M-31, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, 45, 36, 39, 43, 41, 35.
O-48, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 50, 57, 54, 58, 46.
Q-68, 71, 74, 75, 72, 69, 61, 67, 73, 63, 64.

The "B" Bingo has been called on February 20 draw. The last chance is the "black out."

In the first nine months of 1955 volunteers of the Women's Work Committee of the Canadian Red Cross filled 458 cases of knitted and sewn articles for international relief.

Canadian Red Cross Home Nursing classes provide "do-it-yourself" instruction for thousands of Canadian women every year.

No better time than NOW
to plan those Springtime



HOME IMPROVEMENTS... and here's how to finance them...

Spring is just around the corner... and that's the best time to make those outside home improvements. By the time summer rolls 'round you'll be all set to enjoy it. So why not sit down tonight and list all those things you need to do or would like to do to make your house more livable... and a better investment? Then, if you lack the ready cash, talk to your local B of M manager about a Home Improvement Loan. H.I.L.'s are available at the B of M for almost any worthwhile purpose about the house from pointing the chimney to building a garage. The cost is low, too... interest is only 5 1/4% per annum and you repay in equal monthly instalments.



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If you have ideas about a basement playroom or a paint job throughout the house, now's the time to put them into effect with the help of a B of M Home Improvement Loan. You'll save money by doing those indoor improvements now, because carpenters, plumbers, electricians and painters are not so tied up on construction and you get the work done faster. You'll save time, too, because you won't have to go on a waiting list.

Whatever your home improvement needs may be—whether they are indoor installations or outdoor alterations—see your local B of M manager today. There's no better time than now!

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Wainwright Branch: CHARLES WITTMANN, Manager
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Viking Branch: HAROLD SKJEIE, Manager

Grade 'A' beef tops in 1955

Beef marketed in Canada in 1955 showed the highest percentage of Grade "A" and the lowest percentage of Grade "B" since the system of recording the grades for all carcasses was inaugurated in 1948.

R. K. Bennett, chief of livestock marketing in the federal department of agriculture, made the above statement at the Diamond Jubilee Convention of the Western Stock Growers' Association in Fort Macleod recently.

Approximately the same number of cattle were marketed in each of the two years, but in 1955 more choice and good steers were marketed and fewer medium and common than in 1954. Carcass gradings for 1955 were 18.0 percent "A", 17 percent "B" and 22 percent "C".

Beef grading

Mr. Bennett outlined the development of the practice of beef grading. "That the idea had a fair measure of popular approval," he said, "is indicated by a gradual increase in the volume of sales of branded beef from 17,000,000 pounds in 1931 to almost 50,000,000 pounds in 1941. In that period the Red Ribbon Brand for "Choice" was established, and the Blue Ribbon brand for "Good", and beef could be branded at the option of the establishment which owned it.

Beef grading supervisors appointed by the department acted as travelling inspectors and endeavored to maintain a uniform application of grade standards at all centers. The objective was to have all beef eligible for Red and Blue brands branded as such and then to encourage increased production of such beef.

Newspaper may save your life

Your newspaper may save your life when you're walking home after dark some winter evening, says an American Automobile Association official.

"Wear white after dark" has long been the slogan of safety organizations throughout the country, explained Robert S. Kretschmar, executive secretary of the AAA.

"It's not always possible to wear white clothing at night," he said, "but your white newspaper will help. When you walk across a highway or near moving automobiles at night carry your newspaper so the car headlights will reflect upon it. This is particularly important if you're walking along an open highway or country road."

Changes in the dairy industry

The anticipated increase in milk production in 1956 will not add to any surplus manufactured products if handled properly. This statement was made at the annual meeting of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, by D. B. Goodville of the Canada Department of Agriculture.

The population in Canada has been increasing by some three or four hundred thousand people annually which means the upward trend in fluid milk consumption should be continued. If economic conditions are as good as expected in 1956, approximately three-quarters of the 400 million pound increase in total milk production should be absorbed in the fluid milk branch.

There is a possibility that other products such as dry skimmed milk and evaporated milk may affect fluid milk sales this year, although as yet figures do not indicate it. Individual markets may be affected more.

Currently, the milk industry is being carried on in the development of an instantly dissolving dry whole milk. The dairy industry may be hearing more about this at a later date. There will be an instant milk powder which is a product on the Canadian market this year which could affect the chocolate sales of fluid dairies. These developments in general could have a considerable effect on fluid milk sales in the future.

It has been estimated that about 76 percent of the increased milk production since 1951 has gone into butter. On the surface it might appear simple to divert milk to other uses such as cheese and evaporated milk, but this too could present problems of disposal. Fifteen million pounds of butter is equivalent to 30 million pounds of cheese or 150 million pounds of evaporated milk. These are sizeable quantities to contend with either through export or on the domestic market.

This year Canada will probably produce slightly more creamery butter than in 1955, particularly in Alberta and Quebec where a good part of the milk increase is expected.

Mr. Goodville told the group that although we may have a surplus of butterfat, we are actually short of solids-not-fat. This is indicated by the import of some five million pounds of dry skimmed milk this winter and the necessity of curtailing exports of casein due to lack of supplies. This raises an important point in the complex dairy picture. Milk solids cannot be produced without fat being produced, also, and so it is argued that greater production of dry skimmed milk simply augments the butter supply. This is true if the returns to the producer are such that he produces more milk than his normal production. On the other hand, while there is a relationship between butter and dry skimmed milk production it is by no means a direct one. For example, in 1952 Canada produced 88 million pounds of dry skimmed milk and 281 million pounds of creamery butter. In 1954 the production was 83 million pounds of dry skimmed milk and 313 million pounds of butter. In other words 22 million pounds more butter was produced and five million pounds less powder. What actually happened was that the skim was either kept on the farm or used for other products such as casein.

Concentrated milk products are assuming an increasingly important place in our dairy industry. Today they are utilizing as much of the milk supply as cheese. Approximately 16 million pounds of dry whole milk went to some 40 world markets in 1955. It was the largest amount Canada has ever exported. This year exports may exceed those of 1955.

Because weather conditions play such an important part in the sale of ice cream it is difficult to forecast a trend for the coming year with any degree of accuracy. But with average weather this year, ice cream production should be about the same as in 1955.

In view of the importance of the dairy industry it is not surprising that those concerned with it should feel some concern if there are to be any marked changes. Dairying, including the sale of dairy cattle is the largest single phase of agriculture in Canada. For example, dairying returns about 10 percent of the total farm revenues to producers in the prairie provinces, and upwards of 50 percent to those of Ontario and Quebec.

Era gone when farm lad held reins of fast stepping horse

On a Saturday afternoon in the 1910 era, when farm work was pressing, it was always heartening when father said, "Son, why don't you hitch Belle to the cutter and get a couple of bags of middlings, and a couple bags of ground oats. Belle needs some exercise and I want to mix a batch of feed for the cows."

The countryman wishes all boys could know the thrill of holding the reins behind a fast stepping Morgan roader working off accumulated energy.

The road was packed with snow, rolled down by the big bulky roller after each storm. The two tracks were smooth, for in the olden days the night horses in double teams, and the one horse in a single hitch were directly in front of the rear runner. On cold winter days the hard packed snow squeaked and crunched as the polished runner steel slid over it and Swiss matched chimed on the shafts, made music in the air.

Drives with flourish

A 14-year-old liked to drive up with a flourish to the hitching rail in front of the general store—groceries, feeds, candy, tobacco, dry goods and notions. On a day when the temperature was low, the vapor steams from Belle's nostrils were long white banners, but the mile apt from the farm did not work up a sweat.

A lad was careful to blanket the mare carefully in the handsome plaid blue, red and white Cherokee Prince blanket. Solid citizens inside the store watched with approval, for in those days of long ago, horses were important and a lad who took good care of horses was likely to grow into a solid citizen of the community.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

CONVERSATION
Conversation is the laboratory and workshop of the student.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

One of the best rules of conversation is, "never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish had been left unsaid."

Think twice before you say nothing.

—H. G. Hutcheson

No one means all he says, and yet very few say what they mean for words are slippery and thought is viscous.

—Henry Brooks Adams

Do you know that conversation is one of the greatest pleasures in life? But it wants leisure.

—William Somerset Maugham

If people would confine their talk to subjects that are profitable, that which St. John informs us took place once in heaven, would happen very frequently on earth—silence for the space of half an hour.—Mary Baker Eddy

GOOD WILL

A Minneapolis druggist is building up a lot of good will. Everytime his store delivers a prescription to a customer, the druggist sends along a pint of ice cream for free with a note, "Sorry to hear you're ill. Get well fast."

In the 14th century, many persons regarded eyeglasses as an invention of the devil.

COLD STOCK

A case is reported from Southwestern Ontario of a woman known to have been the owner of a considerable amount of dividend paying stock, but after her death, diligent search failed to reveal the certificates until finally they were found hidden in a cold air register. At least it was a change from the old toap on the mantle, says the Port Arthur News Chronicle.

BARGAIN BACKFIRES

Butcher Ernest Boxall of King's Lynn, England, had a surplus of pork pies and sausages, so he put a sign in his window that they were half price. There was such a rush of customers that he was taken to court for causing an obstruction, but was conditionally discharged.

BE A COURTEOUS DRIVER

Abitibi Beaver Pay Dividends



Conservation is paying big dividends to the 700 Indian families who tend the lonely trappings of northern Quebec's 149,000 square miles of beaver country. Each year they share in an estimated \$500,000 which fur buyers pay for the more than 20,000 beaver pelts flown to Montreal for auction. Behind this bonanza lies a long-term

federal-provincial program to educate trappers in up-to-date fur control methods. The fur-development experts' job: to spread the gospel of conservation among the Cree and Montagnais trappers, and to see that beaver pelts from the big Abitibi, Rupert House, Mistassini and Ber-simis Preserves get to market.



In the sprawling Abitibi Beaver Preserve of Northern Quebec, two Huronian River Indian trappers snowshoe back to their camp carrying trapped beaver. Each trapper is allotted an annual quota which he is permitted to crop from his area, ranging from 20 to 100 animals.



Indian trapper lowers beaver trap into basin hole. Working in co-operation with Quebec's Fish and Game officials, fur development experts from the federal Indian Affairs branch conduct annual beaver censuses to determine how many beaver can be taken from each lodge.



Under watchful eye of her son, the wife of an Indian trapper skins beaver. In line with conservation program, federal and provincial biologists, through special beaver colony at Lehighbridge, Alta., are attacking the problem of beaver disease, chief of which are tularemia and pseudo-tuberculosis.



A trapper knocks ice and snow from fur of an animal which has just been removed from trap set beneath surface of ice. Today, with an annual value of \$4 millions, Canada's national animal has become less a symbol than a thriving industry that has carved a firm place for itself in our national economy.

